

**MINUTES**  
**TENNESSEE COUCIL OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIFERY**  
**April 8, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Tennessee Council of Certified Professional Midwifery was held in the Poplar Conference Room at 227 French Landing, Heritage Place MetroCenter, Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Rufus Clifford, MD, Debi Church, CPM, Carol Nelson, CPM and Mary Anne Richardson, CPM

Members Absent: Pame Moore-Morrow, Public Member, Linda Hughlett, MSN, RN

Staff Present: Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director, Marsha Arnold, Manager, Mona Jean-Baptiste, Advisory Attorney, Elizabeth Miller, HRB Director, and David Hoffman, Administrator

The Council convened at 9:05 a.m. with Ms. Church presiding. Ms. Church determined that a quorum was present in order to conduct Council business.

**Minutes**

Dr. Clifford made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 18, 2009 meeting. Ms. Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Managers Report**

Ms. Marsha Arnold gave the Manager's report stating that between June 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010 there were 2 reinstatements. The total number of active licensees is 29.

**Office of General Counsel Report**

Ms. Jean-Baptiste reported that there were no rules pending in the Office of General Counsel and that there is one open case. She also stated that the Sunset Bill, Senate Bill 2457 that would extend the Council until 6/30/2016 has yet to be heard.

**Investigation Report**

Ms Rosemarie Otto reported on behalf of the Bureau of Investigation that there were two open investigations open both regarding practicing without a license.

**Disciplinary Report**

Ms. Rosemarie Otto reported on behalf of the Disciplinary Coordinator that there are currently no midwives being monitored.

### **Ratification of Licenses**

There were no new licenses to be ratified. Ms. Church made a motion to ratify two reinstatements. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Discussion**

In reference to the Council increasing application and renewal fees, Ms. Jean-Baptiste explained to the Council that the Commissioner of Health has the authority set the fees for the Council. She went on to say that Rulemaking authority for the Council rests with the Osteopathic Examination Board with advice from the Council. Discussion started on rule number 1050-05-.02,. The Council took time to read the proposed rule before further discussion. After review of the proposed rule, the Council members pointed out that items had been deleted from the Tennessee Midwives Association (TMA) guidelines and other items had been added. Ms. Richardson made a motion to oppose the proposed rule from the Office of General Council and ask the TMA document be substituted instead. She reserved the opportunity to revise and extend her remarks. Dr. Clifford seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Budget Report**

Christy Allen, Assistant Commissioner gave a budget report to the Council reviewing fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009. A detailed report was handed to the Council for review. Ms. Allen explained how the Bureau of Licensure and Regulation calculates totals on the report. She also discussed current fiscal year totals. Ms. Allen stated that in fiscal year 2009 the Council of Certified Professional Midwifery was charged with .21% of the total investigative and legal services for Health Related Boards. In regards to the printing fee charged in error to the Council, it was noted that the 2009 report reflects the deduction in expenditure.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Richardson made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Clifford seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting ended at 11:05 a.m.

**These minutes were ratified by the Committee April 7, 2011.**